

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT JUNE 12TH FY2007
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre7/1/06), or take any other action related thereto:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mary Arcudi	\$50.00	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$50.00

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The above listed bill was incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received after July 1, 2007, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the account for the prior fiscal year has been closed out it is necessary to pay it if approved from currently available funds. A 90% majority will be required for approval.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Salaries & Wages, Permanent, the sum of \$9,388.00 to Water, Personal Services, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: The resignation of the Water/Sewer Billing clerk necessitated the hiring of temporary labor for 3 ½ months at a much higher hourly rate than was budgeted for.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Salaries & Wages, Permanent, the sum of \$24,300.00 to Sewer, Other Personal Services, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Commentary: Additional funding required to fill staffing requirements as dictated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection after the resignation of one licensed operator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds such sums as may be required for various purposes, or take any other related action thereto.

Submitted by: Capital Planning Committee

Commentary: It is anticipated this article will transfer from Free Cash the following sums for capital item. Free Cash has been traditionally used to fund capital items of a non reoccurring nature:

- School Bus Leases \$ 33,000
- 2 Dump Bodies \$ 38,000
- Highway Building Roof Repair \$ 22,000
- Fire Station Window Repairs \$ 20,000
- Town Hall Fire/Smoke Alarms \$ 12,000
- Library Leaded Windows Repair \$ 8,207

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization, a sum of monies to offset any year end deficit in the Health Insurance Trust Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The Town of Hopedale began a self funded insurance program this fiscal year for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This article will cover any potential deficit. If there is no deficit this article will be passed over. This article will require a 2/3's majority vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Stabilization \$50,000 to fund the second year of a 5 year mortgage with Louis J. Nofert as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The Town of Hopedale purchased a 3 1/2 acre tract of land behind the High School from Atty. Louis J Nofert for \$350,000 and agreed to pay the total price over six (six) years. This will be the second of six installments. This article will require a 2/3's majority vote.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 29th day of May 2007.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins
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Louis J. Arcudi III
Chairman

Alan J. Ryan
Alan J. Ryan

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House and Post Office Lobby.

[Signature]
Constable

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Date